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# H. R. 5925

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “International Partner-  
5       ship for Reconciliation in Iraq Act of 2008”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8               (1) The bipartisan Iraq Study Group report  
9       found that “national reconciliation is essential to re-

1       duce further violence and maintain the unity of  
2       Iraq”.

3           (2) The bipartisan Iraq Study Group report  
4       recommended that diplomats work to “energize  
5       countries to support national political reconciliation  
6       in Iraq”.

7           (3) The January 2007 National Security Coun-  
8       cil report, entitled the Iraq Strategy Review, set an  
9       objective to “foster the conditions for Iraqi national  
10      reconciliation, but with the Iraqi government clearly  
11      in the lead”.

12          (4) United States Ambassador Ryan Crocker,  
13      in testimony to Congress on September 10, 2007,  
14      noted that the United States “will continue our ef-  
15      forts to assist Iraqis in the pursuit of national rec-  
16      onciliation”.

17          (5) In 2006, the Iraqi Government announced  
18      the creation of the National Council for the Rec-  
19      onciliation.

20      (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

21          (1) strongly supports reconciliation efforts with-  
22      in Iraq; and

23          (2) strongly supports the creation of an Iraqi-  
24      supported international commitment to reconciliation

1 in Iraq and a safe and secure future for the Iraqi  
2 people.

3 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL EF-**  
4 **FORTS FOR POLITICAL RECONCILIATION IN**  
5 **IRAQ.**

6 (a) PURPOSE OF ASSISTANCE.—The purpose of as-  
7 sistance under this section is to support international ef-  
8 forts to encourage peaceful and positive contact, dialogue,  
9 and reconciliation among the Iraqi people.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The Presi-  
11 dent of the United States Institute of Peace is authorized  
12 to provide assistance to carry out the purpose of sub-  
13 section (a).

14 (c) ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.—Activities that may be  
15 supported by assistance under subsection (b) include—

- 16 (1) preventing violent conflicts in Iraq;  
17 (2) promoting post-conflict stability and devel-  
18 opment in Iraq;  
19 (3) increasing conflict management capacity,  
20 tools, and intellectual capital within Iraq;  
21 (4) promoting tolerance and forgiveness; and  
22 (5) facilitating dialogue in the region.

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,  
25 there are authorized to be appropriated to the Presi-

1       dent of the United States Institute of Peace  
2       \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008  
3       through 2012.

4           (2) OTHER PROVISIONS.—Amounts appro-  
5       priated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
6       tions under paragraph (1)—

7           (A) may be referred to as the “Political  
8       Reconciliation in Iraq Fund”; and

9           (B) are authorized to remain available  
10       until expended.

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